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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 5151

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, PGOV, SA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: VORSTER IN HOSPITAL FOR CHECKUP

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AUGUST 31, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER BOOKED INTO TYGERBERG HOSPITAL IN THE CAPE PROVINCE ON AUGUST 29 FOR HIS "ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECKUP." THE DOCTORS REPORTEDLY FOUND THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE SUFFERING FROM PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION AND A "DEGREE OF BRONCHITIS," AND ORDERED HIM TO REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR AT LEAST A WEEK.

2. COMMENT: WE'VE HAD SEVERAL REPORTS AND INDICATIONS OVER THE PAST YEAR OR MORE THAT, AS A RESULT OF HIS LOW BLOOD PRESSURE, VORSTER HAS BEEN TIRING EASILY. OUR MOST
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RECENT SUCH REPORT CAME FROM SYDNEY BARON WHO LAST WEEK COMMENTED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT VORSTER NOW FINDS HIMSELF EXHAUSTED BY MID-DAY. BARRON DID NOT THINK VORSTER WOULD REMAIN AS PRIME MINISTER FOR MORE THAN A YEAR LONGER.
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